SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 179 By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Eugene Woolfork of Medina.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Eugene Woolfork; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woolfork was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-eight years as an employee of the Milan Army Ammunition Plant, during which time he earned the respect of his colleagues and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Woolfork was an active and devout member of the Hudson Chapel CME Church, which he served faithfully for many years as Chairman of the Board of Stewards and in numerous other capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woolfork was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, along with his church work and his love for his family, Eugene Woolfork loved people, and he especially enjoyed meeting many different people while peddling his sweet potatoes; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of more than fifty-four years, Mattie Sturdivant Woolfork, and was the proud father of David Woolfork and his wife, Kathy, Charles Woolfork and his wife, Ora, Johnny Woolfork, and Diane Taylor; and

WHEREAS, he was further blessed with seventeen grandchildren, fourteen greatgrandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his loving parents, Dennis Woolfork and Catherine Turley; his beloved grandmother, Aurdie "Missy" Turley, who raised him; and three children, Don Ray Woolfork, Thomas Eugene Woolfork, and Catherine Woolfork; and

WHEREAS, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends, including his brother,

Dennis Woolfork; his sister, Mattie Watson; his sisters-in-law: Louise Algie, Mildred Gill, Luceil

Smith, and Virginia Sturdivant; and brother-in-law, George Sturdivant; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Woolfork leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Eugene Woolfork, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Woolfork.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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